Castleman [redacted]

Duplicate

Mrs. Alma C. Millikin,
Oak Grove, La.

My dear Mrs. Millikin:

I am just back from my trip, and am sending you documents acquired.

On the first Sunday of this month, I went to "North Hill" to interview Mr. Maurice Castleman. It was the day preceding Labor Day, and as his place is a summer resort, he was very busy with his extra guests. It was cold and drear there for the very disagreeable weather, the result of the storm from the gulf, was approaching. He finally gave me his attention, and showed me his family chart, which he assured me he had copied for you, and that it was his intention to have a photostat copy made at an early date. I could find out nothing from him as to where and from whom he had assembled this information. In fact the visit was useless as far as the authentication of his records was concerned. All of his information was so vague, and purposeless. It may interest you to know that Mr. Castleman's wife has recently left him, not to return, because of some unreasoning, and unfounded jealousy on his part. All of this simply rumor, the truth of which I cannot vouch for, so he is determined to sell "North Hill" and go away. He wants to sell it for $50,000 with all of its contents. He is a courteous, charming gentleman, and showed me about the place, his family portraits, furniture, collection of Indian relicts, and the recently restored grave of Betty Lewis, the sister of Geo. Washington, which is down the hill a short distance from the house. The place is beautifully situated on a high hill above the Shenandoah River, the latter now spanned by a handsome bridge, where once was Castleman's Ferry. He has in his possession the relicts of the ferry.

The next day I went to Winchester (I should have said Tuesday) there I found the two wills of the Castlemans, giving all the proof of your Castleman line that you will need to join the D.A.R. These, I copied in long hand and had properly certified to by the Clerk. There were no other wills on record in Frederick County, of Castleman[illegible].

I made an abstract copy of William Frost's will. Your Hannah Frost cannot be this man's daughter, unless this Hannah Frost was the widow of Jacob Larew, when she married Castleman. It is more probable that she is the daughter of one of the sons of William Frost. Perhaps the daughter of either Jacob or Amos Frost, who inherited the plantation "where I now live."

I am very much interested in the document wherein Warner Washington, and wife Hannah sell land to Wm. Frost, in 1774. You will note that Thomas Castleman's will refers to an